



June 1, 2005

## DEFENSE BASE ACT SEMINAR

The Department of Labor, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, will present a one day seminar on the Defense Base Act on Tuesday, **August 23, 2005, from 9 am to 4 pm**. It will be held in the Auditorium of the Department of Labor Frances Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC. Registration will begin at 8:30 am.

Federal law requires all U.S. government contractors and subcontractors (both domestic and foreign companies) to secure Defense Base Act workers' compensation insurance for their employees working overseas on military and defense contracts. There are serious consequences to an employer who is uninsured for its Defense Base Act exposure. This includes liability for criminal prosecution and possible personal liability for corporate officers. It is important for all parties involved in U.S. government contracts overseas to understand the scope of Defense Base Act and War Hazards Compensation Act coverage in light of the current level of activities of private sector government contractors throughout the world.

The August 23, 2005, seminar is designed for beginners who have little or no prior knowledge of the Defense Base Act (DBA). It will address the issues of Defense Base Act coverage, Defense Base Act insurance requirements, waivers, the benefits available to injured employees and eligible survivors under the Act, claims reporting and filing procedures, and obstacles in handling claims from the Middle East. A final agenda and additional information will be posted on our website on or before August 12, 2005, at <http://www.dol.gov/esa/owcp/dlhwc/lstable.htm>.

If you are a contractor or subcontractor with employees currently working overseas, or a prospective contractor unsure of DBA insurance requirements, or if you are a federal agency contracting officer who manages these contracts and you have not attended one of our earlier seminars, we encourage you to attend. Insurance claims professionals, attorneys involved in the DBA claims litigation process, and anyone who has an interest in the Defense Base Act are also welcome. First time registrants will be given priority.

Attendance at the seminar is free of charge, however, **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

E-mail the name of each attendee, company or organization name and address, along with the attendee's telephone number and email address to [DLHWC-Public@dol.gov](mailto:DLHWC-Public@dol.gov). Confirmation will be sent to each attendee by email. Space is limited so early pre-registration is recommended. For further information, call Jack Martone at (202) 693-0925.

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**U.S. Department of Labor  
Auditorium, Frances Perkins Building  
200 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20210**

### **Tentative Agenda**

1. Defense Base Act – Who is Covered
2. Zone of Special Danger
3. OWCP Insurance Requirements
4. Defense Base Act Waivers
5. War Hazards Compensation Act
6. Insurance Needs of the Defense Base Act Employer
7. Benefits under the Defense Base Act
8. Claims Reporting and Processing under the Defense Base Act
9. Obstacles to Handling Claims Arising in Afghanistan and Iraq
10. Recent Case Law on the Defense Base Act
11. Panel Questions and Answers

Attendance at the seminar is free of charge, however, **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** If you have not already registered, please do so no later than **August 15, 2005.** E-mail the name of each attendee, company or organization name and address, along with the attendee's telephone number and email address to [DLHWC-Public@dol.gov](mailto:DLHWC-Public@dol.gov). Confirmation will be sent to each attendee by email. Space is limited so early pre-registration is recommended. For further information, call Jack Martone at (202) 693-0925.